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RE: EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY

On May 23, 1968, REX H. BASINGER, 1416 Downing, Apartment 2, Denver, Colorado, advised Special Agent BOYD D. ADSIT that he received a collect call from EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY in Tulsa, Oklahoma about 1:00 PM, May 17, 1968. BASINGER stated that he grew up with BRADLEY in Rudy, Arkansas and attended school with him in Alma, Arkansas. He stated that BRADLEY left high school to join the Navy in 1933 and that he has seen him once since, which was in December, 1963 or January, 1964, in Dallas, Texas. He stated that he accidentally met him in a tavern in Dallas.

BASINGER described BRADLEY as 5'11" tall, stocky build, blond hair, freckles, unknown tattoos, 180 pounds and 51 years of age. He stated that BRADLEY has a mother in Rudy, Arkansas, whose name may be Mrs. JOE "JAKE" FINE.

BASINGER claimed that during the call on May 17, 1968, BRADLEY appeared to be drunk and to be calling from a tavern. He thought that perhaps BRADLEY had relations in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stated that BRADLEY indicated he might be passing through Denver sometime in the near future.

During the conversation, BRADLEY asked BASINGER if BASINGER had seen him on CBS TV and indicated that he was one of those indicted by District Attorney GARRISON of New Orleans, who GARRISON claims to be involved in the JOHN F. KENNEDY assassination conspiracy. BRADLEY commented that "we famous people run together" and stated that he had been living in Tulsa with ERIC GALT for about a week. BASINGER stated he asked BRADLEY who GALT was and BRADLEY replied by asking BASINGER if he had heard of JAMES RAY. When BASINGER stated he had not heard of RAY, BRADLEY reportedly said that he was the one who "knocked over KING, JR.".

BASINGER stated he tried to determine where BRADLEY was staying, but was unsuccessful. He believed that BRADLEY was once on the West Coast possibly in San Jose, California, where he preached as a non-denominational preacher. During the conversation, BRADLEY indicated that he might be returning to the West Coast.

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On May 23, 1968, BASINGER advised that he had received another telephone call from BRADLEY at 7:10 AM that morning. He stated that the telephone call was cut off for an unknown reason, but was not a collect call. BASINGER believes that the call was charged to someone in Fort Smith, Arkansas, from where it originated. During the conversation, BASINGER said that BRADLEY indicated he had been eating at the Old South Restaurant, 714 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, which restaurant is run by a cousin of BASINGER, Mrs ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON. BASINGER was of the opinion that the call had been placed from that restaurant. BASINGER said that BRADLEY indicated he had traveled to Fort Smith to see the results of a recent tornado in that area and that he planned to head west after leaving Fort Smith.